ARKANSAS

WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS

September 20, 2004

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REPORTING FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 19 OF THE 2004 CROP YEAR

RELEASED: September 20, 2004, 3PM - The state averaged 6.9 days suitable for field work. Soil moisture supplies were 30% very short, 49% short, and 21% adequate. Hot, dry conditions persist across the state.

CROPS: Hot, dry weather conditions are requiring more irrigation for late season beans. However these conditions have been good for harvest. The current weather conditions have also proven favorable for cotton. Cotton progress is finally catching up to last year as defoliation continues. Rice harvest and land preparation for winter wheat continues.

LIVESTOCK: Livestock are in overall good condition. However drought stressed hay and pasture has slightly reduced the condition of some herds.

Progress %						Condition %					
CROP Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent		
CORN											
Harvested	93	82	86	88							
SOYBEANS					1	7	22	45	25		
Setting Pods	100	99	100	100							
Yellowing	60	46	42	36							
Shedding	44	34	26	33							
Matured	35	28	19	n/a							
Harvested	26	20	12	10							
SORGHUM											
Colored	100	97	100	100							
Matured	95	89	98	96							
Harvested	80	68	74	80							
COTTON					0	5	24	45	26		
Open Bolls	71	52	73	82							
Harvested ¹	2	0	4	5							
RICE					0	2	21	45	32		
Headed	100	99	100	100							
Harvested	53	32	51	52							
WHEAT											
Planted	1	0	1	1							
Emerged ¹	0	n/a	0	0							
HAY - OTHER					4	14	41	33	8		
HAY-ALFALFA					2	7	52	39	0		
PASTURE & RANGE					6	19	44	25	6		

Was not asked previous week.

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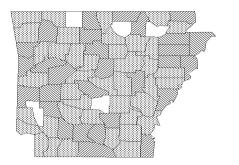
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SOIL MOISTURE SUPPLIES

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK ENDING:

September 19, 2004. Temperatures were above normal. Small amount of rainfall around the state. Texarkana recorded the high temperature of 97° and Calico Rock and Gilbert recorded the low temperature of 49°. Precipitation ranged from a high of 0.49 inches at Booneville to 0.00 inches at several reporting stations.



NO DATA

✓ VERY SHORT
SHORT
ADEQUATE
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TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION WEEK ENDING: September 19, 2004

DISTRICT		MPERATUR		RAINFALL						
AND			DEP	WEEK	CURR		JAN	-AUG		
STATION	HIGH	LOW	FROM	ENDING	SEP	SEP				
			NORM	SEP 19	ACCUM.	NORMAL	2004	NORMAL		
1 Fayetteville	91	52	5	0.00	0.51	4.83	34.82	29.51		
Harrison	90	55	6	0.01	0.02	4.03	26.71	29.08		
2 Calico Rock	90	49	4	0.00	0.00	4.08	27.49	29.37		
Gilbert	91	49	2	0.00	0.00	3.73	29.23	28.60		
Greers Ferry	92	56	3	0.24	0.24	4.10	34.04	32.15		
Mountain Home	89	57	5	0.01	0.03	4.33	32.83	28.51		
3 Batesville	93	53	3	0.00	0.00	3.58	34.94	30.45		
Jonesboro	89	57	4	0.00	0.01	3.12	34.09	29.90		
Keiser	89	54	3	0.04	0.04	3.65	35.63	33.10		
Newport	91	57	3	0.00	0.00	3.49	28.49	31.37		
4 Booneville	94	57	5	0.49	0.51	4.04	30.22	30.50		
Clarksville	91	63	6	0.11	0.11	3.88	38.28	29.53		
Dardanelle	94	56	5	0.00	0.01	3.56	27.52	31.18		
Ft. Smith	94	63	6	0.02	0.27	3.61	34.55	28.13		
Mena	93	52	5	0.00	0.05	5.07	34.35	36.74		
Ozark	91	61	4	0.91	0.91	3.70	36.56	28.63		
5 Conway	94	57	4	0.00	0.00	3.71	29.55	30.90		
Hot Springs	94	57	3	0.00	0.06	4.05	37.24	36.94		
Little Rock	94	60	4	0.00	0.18	3.71	33.56	32.53		
N Little Rock	94	62	3	0.00	0.03	3.53	31.74	31.58		
6 Brinkley	91	57	4	0.00	0.00	3.02	31.65	33.08		
Marianna	90	59	3	0.14	0.14	3.16	33.86	35.21		
Stuttgart	94	55	3	0.00	0.00	2.86	39.71	39.71		
7 Hope	96	58	5	0.00	0.10	4.06	34.91	34.94		
Texarkana	97	58	5	0.02	0.88	3.40	30.51	29.94		
8 Camden	94	57	4	0.00	0.12	3.60	42.63	34.72		
El Dorado	94	58	3	0.00	0.00	3.29	47.46	36.89		
Warren	91	57	3	0.00	0.26	3.71	49.83	36.68		
9 Eudora	94	60	5	0.00	0.00	2.71	42.00	38.85		
Pine Bluff	93	54	4	0.00	0.08	3.20	38.83	34.51		
Rohwer	91	58	4	0.00	0.00	2.91	37.36	34.70		